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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Nick Holt and Steve Thomas  
Application No. : 08/938,468  
Filed : August 14, 1996  
For : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CUSTOMIZING FORMS  
IN AN ELECTRONIC MAIL SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1. Please add the following new claims 2-42:

- 1 23 -- 2. A computer-readable medium containing a data structure describing a  
2 custom form, the custom form having a field representing a form component, the data  
3 structure including:  
4 a form header containing data describing a window into which fields are to be  
5 displayed on a display device;  
6 a description of the field; and  
7 a form control procedure for receiving data that is input into the field, for  
8 determining whether to perform a custom behavior for the field, and for performing the